

Claims:

1. An installation for terminating a network cable of a public communication network at customer premises, the installation comprising:
 - 5 - termination means for terminating the network cable, and
 - connection means allowing a connection to be made between the public communication network and the customer premises via the termination means, the termination means being enclosed within an external wall of the customer premises, the apparatus further including:
 - 10 - a first closeable access aperture to permit access to the termination means from outside the customer premises, and
 - a second closeable access aperture to permit access to the termination means from within the customer premises.
- 15 2. An installation according to claim 1 wherein the external wall is a cavity wall, the apparatus including a housing which bridges the cavity of the wall.
3. An installation according to claim 2, wherein the housing includes adjustable means to permit the housing to bridge the cavity of the wall.
- 20 4. An installation according to claim 3, wherein the adjustable means comprises a telescoping arrangement to permit the housing to bridge the cavity of the wall.
5. An installation according to any one of the preceding claims wherein the external wall is constructed from brick, and wherein the housing has an end portion dimensioned so that it will fit into the face of the wall in place of a brick of the type from which the face of the wall is constructed.
- 25 6. An installation according to any one of the preceding claims wherein the network cable comprises optical fibre.
- 30 7. An installation according to claim 6 wherein the termination means comprises an optical fibre splice.
8. An installation according to claim 7 wherein the housing further includes optical fibre management apparatus for controlling the bend of the optical fibre.
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9. An installation according to claim 8 wherein the housing further includes electronic communications apparatus to support any one or more of data-based, or video-based, or telephony-based, applications.
- 5 10. An installation according to any one of the preceding claims wherein the housing further includes a solar power supply.